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For:)
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SURFACE FASTENER, AND)
CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION)
METHOD AND CONTINUOUS)
PRODUCTION DEVICE)
THEREFORE)
Serial No.: 10/525,445)
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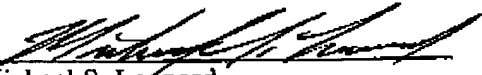
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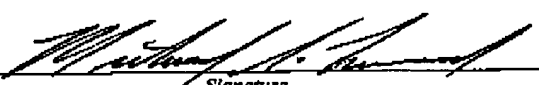
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Invention: INTEGRALLY MOLDED SURFACE FASTENER, AND CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION METHOD AND CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION DEVICE THEREFOR						
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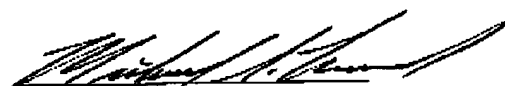
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 28, 2006. The Office Action entered a restriction requirement for claims 1-14 between the following groups of inventions.

Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to an integrally molded surface fastener.

Group II, Claims 10 and 11, drawn to a method of production for an integrally molded surface fastener.

Group III, Claims 12-14, drawn to a continuous production device for an integrally molded surface fastener.

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Response to Office Action mailed December 28, 2006

In response, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to an integrally molded surface fastener.

Applicants submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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